

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended herein by incorporating the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 4 is canceled. Claim 8 is rewritten as an independent claim. No new matter is presented.

Entry of the Amendment after final rejection is proper as the claim amendments overcome the §112, 1st paragraph, rejection discussed below and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to overcome the written description requirement for the reasons of record.

Claims 4, 7-10 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner further indicates that claims 4, 7-10 and 21 are free of the prior art.

Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claim 1 is amended herein by incorporating the subject matter of claim 4 to advance prosecution, thereby obviating the § 112, first paragraph, rejection.

Claim 4 is canceled, thereby obviating the objection to this claim.

Claims 7, 9-10 and 21 each ultimately depend from amended claim 1, thereby obviating the objection as to these claims for the same reason as amended claim 1.

Claim 8 is rewritten as an independent claim, thereby obviating the objection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph rejection and the objection to the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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